

WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §5-16-7G

§5-16-7g. Coverage for prescription insulin drugs.

(a) A policy, plan, or contract that is issued or renewed on or after July 1, 2020, shall provide coverage for prescription insulin drugs pursuant to this section.

(b) For the purposes of this subdivision, "prescription insulin drug" means a prescription drug that contains insulin and is used to treat diabetes, and includes at least one type of insulin in all of the following categories:

- (1) Rapid-acting;
- (2) Short-acting;
- (3) Intermediate-acting;
- (4) Long-acting;
- (5) Pre-mixed insulin products;
- (6) Pre-mixed insulin/GLP-1 RA products; and
- (7) Concentrated human regular insulin.

(c) Cost sharing for a 30-day supply of a covered prescription insulin drug shall not exceed \$100 for a 30-day supply of a covered prescription insulin, regardless of the quantity or type of prescription insulin used to fill the covered person's prescription needs.

(d) Nothing in this section prevents the agency from reducing a covered person's cost sharing by an amount greater than the amount specified in this subsection.

(e) No contract between the agency or its pharmacy benefits manager and a pharmacy or its contracting agent shall contain a provision (i) authorizing the agency's pharmacy benefits manager or the pharmacy to charge, (ii) requiring the pharmacy to collect, or (iii) requiring a covered person to make a cost-sharing payment for a covered prescription insulin drug in an amount that exceeds the amount of the cost-sharing payment for the covered prescription insulin drug established by the agency as provided in subsection (c) of this section.

(f) The agency shall provide coverage for the following equipment and supplies for the treatment or management of diabetes for both insulin-dependent and noninsulin-dependent persons with diabetes and those with gestational diabetes: Blood glucose monitors, monitor supplies, insulin, injection aids, syringes, insulin infusion devices, pharmacological agents for controlling blood sugar, and orthotics.

(g) The agency shall provide coverage for diabetes self-management education to ensure that persons with diabetes are educated as to the proper self-management and treatment of their diabetes, including information on proper diets. Coverage for self-management education and education relating to diet shall be provided by a health care practitioner who has been appropriately trained as provided in §33-53-1(k) of this code.

(h) The education may be provided by a health care practitioner as part of an office visit for diabetes diagnosis or treatment, or by a licensed pharmacist for instructing and monitoring a patient regarding the proper use of covered equipment, supplies, and medications, or by a certified diabetes educator or registered dietitian.

(i) A pharmacy benefits manager, a health plan, or any other third party that reimburses a pharmacy for drugs or services shall not reimburse a pharmacy at a lower rate and shall not assess any fee, charge-back, or adjustment upon a pharmacy on the basis that a covered person's costs sharing is being impacted.